

City of Eugene Police Chiefs



1863 – C.H. Fox (marshal)
1864–1894 – *Not known*
1894 – Robert E. Eastland
1897 – Joseph S. Stiles
1906 – E.A. Farrington
1911 – J.O. Bristol
1913 – C.B. Christenson
1923 – Will G. Judkins
1927 – James F. Strait
1930 – P.W. Hall
1932 – Carl F. Bergman
1945 – L.L. Pittenger
1947 – Harold Skipworth (acting chief)
1947 – Keith L. Jones
1950 – Ted D. Brown (acting chief)
1951 – Ted D. Brown
1954 – Vern L. Hill
1959 – William G. Crase (acting chief)
1959 – Harold A. Ellsworth
1969 – William L. Smith (acting chief)
1970 – Dale E. Allen
1976 – Patrick R. Larion (acting chief)
1977 – Pierce R. Brooks
1980 – Patrick R. Larion (acting chief)
1980 – John Rutledge (acting chief)
1980 – James Packard
1985 – Everett Hall

** Note: The police and fire departments merged in 1985 to form the Department of Public Safety, and the fire chief was named the director. The departments separated again in 1997.*

1990–1991 Dave Whitlow (Exec. Director)
1992 – Leonard G. Cooke (hired to head EPD)
1998 – James R. Hill (acting chief)
1999 – James R. Hill
2002 – Thad Buchanan (interim chief)
2004 to 2008 – Robert M. Lehner
2008 to 2009 - Pete Kerns (interim chief)
2009 to Present - Pete Kerns

More:

See the following pages for a pictorial history of Eugene police chiefs.

Eugene Police Chiefs



Eugene was incorporated on October 17, 1862, and the City hired C.H. Fox as its first marshal in 1863. This suggests Marshal Fox was the first law enforcement professional in Eugene.

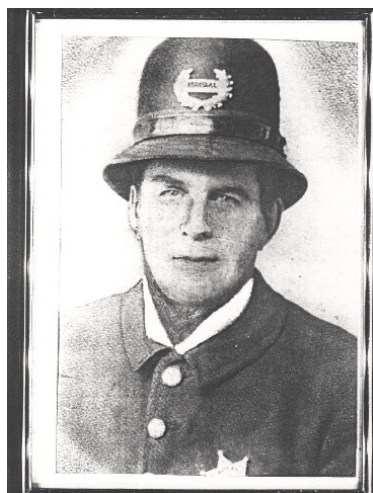
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C.H. Fox
1863

There is a gap in the historical record; it is unknown who served after C.H. Fox until Robert E. Eastland became the police chief in 1894.

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Robert E. Eastland
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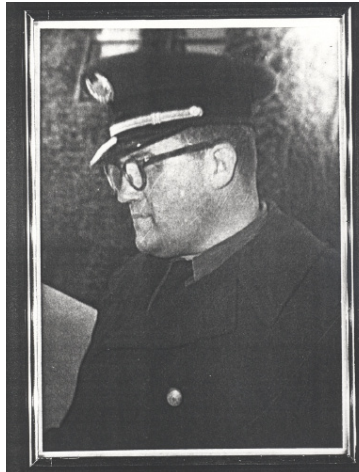


L.L. Pittenger
1945

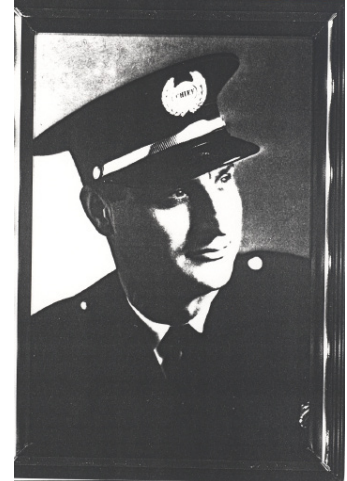


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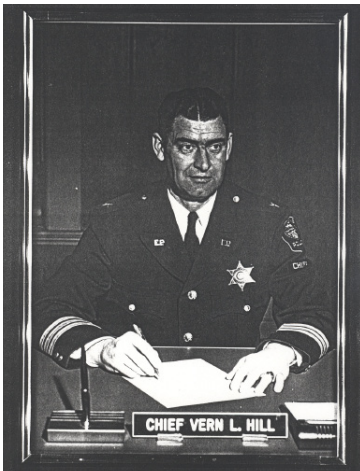
Harold Skipworth
Acting Chief 1947



Keith L. Jones
1947



Ted. D. Brown
1951



Vern L. Hill
1954



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William G. Crase
Acting Chief 1959



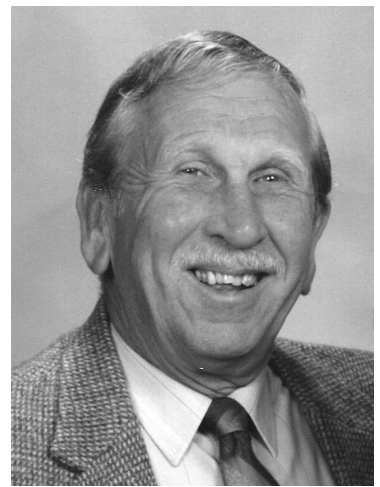
Harold A. Ellsworth
1959



William L. Smith
Acting Chief 1969



Dale Allen
1970



Patrick R. Larion
Acting Chief 1976



Pierce R. Brooks
1977



Patrick R. Larion
Acting Chief 1980



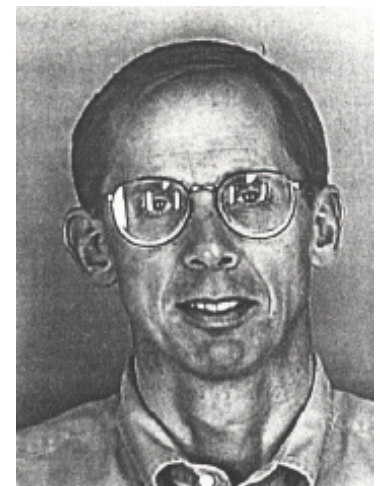
John Rutledge
Acting Chief 1980



James Packard
1980



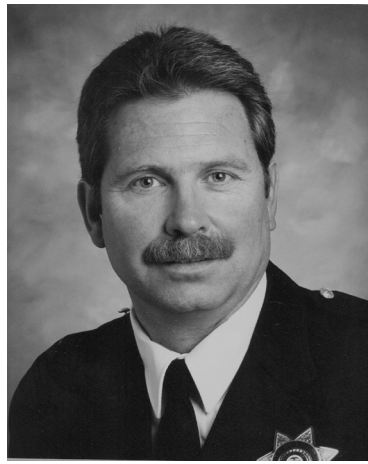
Everett Hall
Director, 1985



Dave Whitlow
Acting 1990, Director 1991



Leonard G. Cooke
1992



James R. Hill
Acting 1998, Chief 1999



Thad Buchanan
***Interim Chief* 2002**



Robert M. Lehner
2004-2008



Pete Kerns
Interim Chief 2008– 2009
Chief 2009 to Present